



INSTRUCTOR GUIDE



Expectations

Instructors should facilitate a quality refresher that engages all students no matter their ICS qualification or firefighting experience. The success of this program is dependent on your ability to stimulate meaningful discussion during group exercises.

NWCG Standards for Instructors of Fireline Refresher Training

Attendance at an RT-130 is required for designated positions in order to maintain currency, and for all personnel assigned to positions with fireline duties and for any position assigned to the fireline for non-suppression tasks. The required number of hours is determined by the agency.

Please refer to the Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1) at <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/310-1> for positions that require Annual Fireline Refresher Training.

Instructor Qualifications and Responsibilities

- Lead instructor must be a qualified single resource boss.
- Unit instructors must be qualified firefighters type 1 (FFT1).
- Adjunct instructors may be utilized to provide limited instruction in specialized knowledge and skills at the discretion of the lead instructor.
- Lead instructor is responsible for identifying necessary equipment, materials and supplies.

Tips for Developing Your Program

- Follow the guidance for Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book) or your agency equivalent.
www.nifc.gov/policies/pol_ref_redbook.html
- Select relevant modules from WFSTAR website to build your program.
- Download or stream selected modules.
- As an option, include any relevant local unit information and updates with your presentation.

Documentation

Be sure to fully document who attended, the instructor names, what was covered and when and where the training took place. Each participant's training records must be updated, which means course completion memos must be sent to appropriate training officers.

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Introduction to Fire Behavior

This Module aligns with the Current Issues core component of refresher training.

Intent:

The intent of this exercise is to facilitate a conversation among firefighters that revolves around fire behavior. The video creates the conditions for this conversation by discussing several elements of fire behavior.

Discussion Points

- What types of fire behavior present control problems on your home unit?
- Based on your home unit's current seasonal outlook, what size flame lengths and rate of spread can you anticipate at the height of this coming fire season?
- Can you or your module do a direct attack on a fire with the above flame lengths and rates of spread? If you can't go direct what other tactics can be utilized
- Haines index wasn't discussed in the video. What role does the Haines index play on fire behavior at your home unit?

Please encourage students to submit feedback for the 2016 Fire Refresher using the QR code below.

